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Report of the Third Committee (Part VI)**

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1. At its 32nd plenary meeting, on 12 November 1993, the Third Committee decided:

(a) To establish an open-ended working group of the Third Committee that would undertake as a matter of high priority the consideration of the question of the establishment of a High Commissioner for Human Rights for the promotion and protection of all human rights, and would also consider other aspects of the implementation of the recommendations of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, as set out in paragraphs 17 and 18 of the Declaration;

(b) That the open-ended working group would be transparent, be supported with conference services, including interpretation and documentation, and work with a view to achieving consensus;

(c) That the working group would start its deliberations by considering the question of the establishment of a High Commissioner for Human Rights, with a view to completing its consideration by the end of the work of the Third Committee;

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(d) That, upon completion of this issue, the working group would consider other aspects of the implementation of the recommendations of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, as set out in paragraphs 17 and 18 of part II of the Declaration.

2. At its 59th meeting, on 15 September 1994, the Third Committee appointed Mr. Danilo Türk (Slovenia) Chairman of the Working Group and decided that the work of the Working Group should continue during the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly under item 103 (b) of the provisional agenda.